

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Amended claims: 1-13 and cancelled claim 14.

1. (Currently Amended) A system ~~System for use in a bore hole, such as a well bore,~~
for axially coupling a tubular end with a mandrel, the system comprising a tubular end, a
mandrel inserted for inserting into the tubular end, the mandrel in axial alignment with the
tubular end thereof, thereby forming an annular space between the tubular end and the
mandrel, and a connecting assembly ~~that at least partly reaches in the annular space, the~~
connecting assembly ~~and that~~ comprises two or more transmission units, each transmission
unit being arranged for axially coupling the tubular end with the mandrel, wherein ~~the each~~
transmission unit is comprised of units each comprise a first fixture element, a second
fixture element, and spacer means for maintaining an axial displacement between the first
fixture element and the second fixture element, whereby the first fixture element is axially
connectable to an inner surface of the tubular end and the second fixture element is axially
connectable with the mandrel.

2. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 1, wherein the two or
more transmission units are interconnected ~~so as to~~ form a string of interconnected
transmission units.

3. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the
spacer means comprises adjustment means for adjusting the axial displacement.

4. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 3, wherein the
adjustment means comprises a thread connection defining a thread path essentially coaxial
to the mandrel.

5. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1~~
~~to 4~~, wherein the spacer means comprises resilient means for providing axial resilience to
the tubular ends when coupled.

6. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System of~~ according to claim 5, wherein the resilient means in at least one of the transmission units has a lower stiffness than the resilient means in another one of the transmission units.
7. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, further comprising first locking means for establishing a releasable axial coupling between the first fixture element and an inner surface of the tubular end.
8. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, further comprising second locking means for axially releasably locking the second fixture element on an outer surface of the mandrel.
9. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 8, wherein the second locking means is controllably lockable and releasable.
10. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 8, wherein the second locking means is controllably lockable and releasable by relative rotation of the second fixture element and the mandrel about the alignment axis.
11. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~, wherein the second locking means is comprised of ~~comprises at least one couple of~~ set of cooperating locking rim segments, one locking rim segment ~~of which couple~~ being provided on a locking portion of the mandrel and one locking rim segment ~~of which couple~~ being provided on the second fixture element.
12. (Currently Amended) The system ~~System~~ according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~, wherein the spacer means comprises a bearing element within ~~cooperating with~~ a bearing race supporting the bearing element in a plane perpendicular to the alignment axis, whereby the first fixture element is rotatable with respect to the second fixture element about the alignment axis.

13. (Currently Amended) The system System according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~, wherein the tubular end is a first tubular end and the mandrel is a second tubular end.

14. (Cancelled)